# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
# LOK SABHA

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SMUGGLING OF TIGER SPIDERS
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether a number of poisonous hairy tiger spiders are being smuggled to the west;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by the Government?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a),(b)&(c) Information regarding clandestine trade of tiger spiders have come to the notice of the Government. It is learnt that the tiger spiders are used as pets in many countries abroad. There was a recent newspaper report of these animals being smuggled from South India. The State Wildlife officials have been advised to keep a strict vigil on the movement of tourists and other persons visiting forest areas, national parks and sanctuaries. The Regional Deputy Directors of Wildlife Preservation have been asked to remain watchful at the international transit points.